

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In this Supplemental Amendment claims 9, 11 and 12 are amended and no claims are added or canceled. Following the Amendment, claims 1-17 remain pending in the application.

The Office Action of March 28, 2006 was mailed out by the Office before the Supplemental Amendment of March 16, 2006 was matched up with the application. Therefore, the Office Action of March 28, 2006 did not consider the most recent set of claims, as amended by the Supplemental Amendment of March 16, 2006.

During the Telephone Interview of June 29, 2006 the Office indicated that a new, non-final Office Action would be sent out. Then on July 20, 2006, Examiner Lao called with suggestions for claim amendments to put the application in condition for allowance. This Supplemental Amendment incorporates those suggestions.

No Petition for Extension of Time Required

It is believed that no Petition for Extension of Time is required, since the Office previously indicated that a new, non-final Office Action is forthcoming to replace the Office Action of March 28, 2006.

Deposit Account Authorization / Provisional Time Extension Petition

It is believed that no Petition for Extension of Time is required, since the Office has indicated that a new Office Action is forthcoming. However, to the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-0439 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. However, in the event there are any unresolved issues, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact applicant's representative, Scott Richardson, by telephone at (571) 748-4765 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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